

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects Species I illustrated in Figs. 6-9, and additionally in Figs. 2-5. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-9 and 11-21 and 23-27 are deemed to read on Species I. Claims 1-6, 11-19 and 23-27 are deemed to be generic. No basis was given for the conclusion in the Office action that no claim was generic, so it can only be requested that the Examiner reconsider this finding and provide an explanation if not in agreement with Applicant's reading.

Only claims 10 and 22 are deemed to read only on Species II. Please note in Fig. 10, bulk receptacles 93 and control mechanisms 96 which control transfer of coins from receptacles 93 to hoppers 46-49. Other claims that further define the controls and other features are generic provided that claims 10 and 22 are made dependent on them. It is noted that claims 7 and 20 read only on Species I due to the location of the diverters being near "exits" of the BCS receptacles in Fig. 2 to divert coins away from the hoppers 46-49 as opposed to being near "entrances" to the bulk receptacle 93 as shown in Fig. 10.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the Group II claims at any time before the termination of proceedings in this application, if claims to a reasonable number of species are not allowed herein after allowance of a generic claim. Early and favorable action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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